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**Former San Diego Manufacturer Sentenced for Violations of Clean Water Act**

**San Diego, CA (February 10, 1999)** -- A San Diego man, who was part-owner of a now-closed electronics circuit board manufacturer, will serve 90 days in custody for violating environmental laws. Babulal "Bob" Domadia, the manager and part-owner of Circuit Technology, pled guilty in December to two criminal violations of the Clean Water Act. On February 9, 1999, San Diego Superior Court Judge Wesley R. Mason III placed Domadia on probation for three years and ordered him to serve 90 days in custody and pay fines of \$7,700.

Domadia violated the federal and state Clean Water Acts by diluting the industrial wastewater discharged from Circuit Technology. The now-closed manufacturer held a permit allowing for the discharge of wastewater containing only small amounts of certain pollutants. If a company dilutes the wastewater, environmental inspectors may be fooled into believing that fewer pollutants are being discharged than actually are.

"Inspectors need to know the amount of pollutants placed into the wastewater system so that the water can be properly treated before it flows into the ocean," Deputy City Attorney Steven Gold, the prosecutor on the case, explained. "This case sends a message to business owners who commit environmental crimes for the sake of saving money. Conduct that harms the environment is not tolerated in the City of San Diego."

The case was investigated by the City of San Diego's Metropolitan Wastewater Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the County's Department of Environmental Health. It was prosecuted by the City Attorney's Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit. All of the agencies involved in the case are members of the San Diego Hazardous Waste Task Force.

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